

A BIG thank you to all who got involved with Local Democracy Week.

Rother Valley South Area Assembly team along with elected members, partners and young people had a fantastic time participating in local democracy week. Local Democracy Week is about involving and informing young people about democratic processes, how Local Government works and how young people can have a say about the issues that impact their lives. Rother Valley South Area Assembly organised a programme of events over the week.



Young Peoples Question Time.

Representatives from various agencies and elected members were on a panel to respond to questions based on the Community Strategy. Young people aged 8 -11 asked a range of questions from crime and health to activities for young people. The young people also played a fun game around community priorities in which we found that if they were in charge of the Council's money most would go to feeling safe.

Feedback from the event was fantastic and the young people have asked to do it again.





The **Political Speed Dating** events;

One was held at Dinnington Comprehensive and one at Wales High School also went down very well. The same rules as speed dating applied; young people had three minutes to ask questions of Elected Members and Officers. The young people then rated the interviewees on qualities such as approachability, knowledge of issues as well as fashion sense! The feedback from these events was very positive and both interviewees and interviewees both remarked on how much they had learnt from each other whilst also having fun.



Dinnington Comp Speed Dating



Wales High School Speed Dating

All in all everyone involved had a fantastic time and we hope that next years events will be just as successful.

The winners of the 2009 Political Speed Dating events are:



Councillor Thomas Fenoughty



Councillor Jane Havenhand